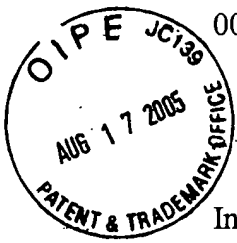


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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is to make of record documents cited in the European Search Report issued on July 8, 2005 in the corresponding European application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

Applicants note that EP 1 039 508 A2 is in the same patent family as previously cited JP 2000-277478 and U.S. Patent No. 6,547,938 B1. EP 0 846 790 A2 is in the same family as previously cited JP 10-275798 and U.S. Patent No. 5,951,833.

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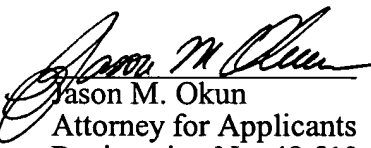
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if such a fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account 06-1205. The same Deposit Account may be creditor for any overpayment.

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